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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Robert H. Staat	: Group Art Unit: 3613
Appln. No.:	08/999,730	: Examiner: S. Morano <i>Official</i>
Filed:	December 24, 1997	: FAX RECEIVED JAN 07 2000
For:	MAGNETICALLY-ACTUATED COUPLER FOR MODEL RAILROAD CARS	: Attorney Docket No. 7311-24 RE <i>NOV 10 1997</i> 3600 (207311.0060)

**PETITION FOR LATE ENTRY OF AMENDMENT UNDER 37 U.S.C. § 1.312(b)**

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions for entry of the accompanying Supplemental Amendment After Allowance.

The attached Amendment was not filed prior to allowance or prior to payment of the issue fee because the lack of antecedent basis was not noticed earlier by Applicant or by the Examiner. The amendments presented for entry are required to ensure that Applicant has enforceable claims.

Please charge the petition fee of \$130.00 and any additional fees to the account of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., Deposit Account No. 50-1017. One additional copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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